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REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER,

Overseer of the Poor

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF AMHERST,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1st, 1873.

CABINET PRESS, AMHERST.

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Report of Town Treasurer.

TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF AMHERST:

DR.—To balance in Treasury March 1st, 1872,		$528 74
Reimbursement from State,		10,033 33
Savings Bank Tax,		1920 86
Railroad Tax,		684 79
Literary Fund,		113 75
Taxes assessed,		8844 34
In Collector's hands,		1871 08
Interest on Taxes for 1871,		33 79
" " " 1872,		27 74
Received from J. B. Fay, Undertaker, ten lots sold in new Cemetery,		30 00
tool house sold Geo. Eaton,		10 00
wood sold H. W. Marvell,		13 75
Received from J. B. Fay, selectman, for shed sold Horace Phelps,		25 00
wood sold M. Davis,		5 00
five old sash,		4 50
1 cupboard, C. L. Bradford,		2 50
235 lbs. old iron,		2 35
rent of Town Hall,		38 15
Received of J. G. Davis,		1 00
		$24,190 67

CR.—By Cash paid out as follows:		
State tax,	$1533 00	
County tax,	967 03	
Schools,	2298 47	
School House tax,	170 41	
Town Officers,	785 50	
Fire Department,	1089 36	
Miscellaneous,	1700 08	
Snow bills,	806 95	
Roads and Bridges,	623 01	
Principal and interest,	10,563 07	
Samuel Wilkins, for Town Farm,	234 84	
In hands of Collector, 1872,	1100 00	
In hands of Treasurer,	2318 95	
		$24,190 67

DETAILS OF TOWN EXPENSES.

Miscellaneous.

Burtt & Phelps, labor on hearse-house, grave-yard fence, &c.,	125	95	
Burtt & Phelps, labor on lobby,	57	56	
G. Walker, irons for guide-posts,	1	00	
L. Bissell, setting glass, &c.,	3	25	
Chester Shipley, labor on hearse-house,	4	00	
L. Bissell, painting grave-yard fence, &c.,	114	46	
D. C. Shirley, underpinning hearse-house,	13	00	
J. E. King, stone for hearse-house,	2	24	
H. Holt, mattresses, lockup,	10	50	
P. W. Jones, sheep killed,	50	00	
M. Merrill, witness fees,	1	96	
C. Richerson, insurance,	46	00	
B. B. Came, burying horse,	2	00	
G. R. Hassell, work in grave-yard,	13	10	
Committee, to complete soldiers' monument,	197	32	
J. P. Nourse, work on pump,	4	85	
W. H. W. Hinds, returning births and deaths,	2	25	
E. R. Burtt, blankets, &c., lock-up,	27	50	
D. Cram, putting up guide-board,		75	
J. S. Parkhurst, posts,	3	20	
F. P. Phelps, guide-boards,	2	25	
Tolman, Bussell & Co., traverse runners for hearse,	51	34	
Burtt & Phelps, labor and stock, grave-yard fence, &c.,	30	22	
B. B. David and others, for watering troughs,	33	00	
M. V. B. Greene, for stationery,	10	53	
Abatements for 1869–70,	26	44	
" " 1871,	236	58	
H. Eaton, sundries,	21	00	
C. L. Bradford, labor on cemetery,	3	50	
F. Ford, " "	3	00	
J. P. Nourse, care of town clock,	13	00	
Thos. Jones, burying horse,	2	00	
Jotham Hartshorn, wood,	3	00	
Stationery,	10	75	
A. F. Sawyer, teaming,	2	75	
E. D. Boylston, printing,	48	60	
J. B. Fay, sundry bills,	79	23	
" " attending 15 funerals with hearse,	42	00	
" " digging 15 graves,	22	50	
" " 4 brass padlocks for hearse-house and cemetery,	4	40	$1246 76

Amount brought over,	$1246 76	
J. B. Fay, labor in cemeteries,	15 25	
" " commission on lots sold,	4 50	
Non-resident highway receipts,	100 66	
Abatements for 1872.	122 69	
J. B. Fay, land,	100 00	
J. Knights,	30 00—	1700 08

SNOW BILLS.

J. Buckley,	5 00	
B. T. Merrill,	2 50	
S. Parkhurst,	2 88	
A. E. Chickering,	2 70	
J. N. Prince,	31 00	
C. F. Wright,	7 50	
C. J. Crocker,	36 20	
E. A. Caldwell,	7 20	
T. M. Harvell,	19 44	
J. F. Hanson,	17 50	
J. G. Haseltine,	11 70	
C. C. Twiss,	38 20	
E. P. Sargent,	17 80	
N. Melendy,	6 85	
C. P. Wheeler,	17 40	
B. B. Whiting,	14 70	
C. T. Hall,	15 76	
S. E. Staples,	40 34	
J. F. Osgood,	23 80	
J. A. Boutell,	34 74	
O. N. Willoby,	1 62	
C. J. Clark, (two districts,)	53 00	
F. W. Chase,	32 75	
J. Heald,	4 89	
S. Wilkins,	23 00	
I. P. Weston,	15 50	
J. H. Fisher,	15 50	
J. R. Stearns,	3 00	
Wm. Pratt,	39 42	
A. B. Woodward,	12 06	
A. N. Lowe,	22 74	
P. W. Dodge,	3 00	
D. A. Peabody,	19 00	
C. L. Bradford,	17 20	
A. E. Chickering,	15 10	
D. C. Shirley,	22 40	
S. P. Gage,	48 74	
C. S. Parker,	40 77	
Thos. Jones,	6 66—	$750 56

Amount brought over,	$750	56	
G. H. Shaw,	5	40	
A. M. Philbrick,	39	50	
J. F. Skinner,	11	49—	$806 95

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

R. Howard, building new road,	230	62	
I. F. Caldwell, labor,	9	19	
D. C. Shirley, "	16	00	
Stickney & Holt, plank,	12	15	
C. H. Smith, damage to sleigh,	5	00	
J. G. Heseltine, labor,	105	60	
C. P. Wheeler, "	40	00	
D. A. Peabody, "	61	05	
A. M. Philbrick, repairing bridge,	44	00	
W. J. Prince, labor,	6	00	
C. Melendy, "	6	00	
A. P. Brown, "	3	00	
S. E. Staples,	13	00	
P. S. Barrett,	35	00	
J. F. Skinner,	16	00	
Wm. Pratt,	2	80	
Joel F. Osgood,	3	75	
C. L. Bradford,	13	85	—$623 01

FIRE DEPATRMENT.

A. A. Rotch, for engine men,	28	50	
Hunneman & Co., repairing hose,	11	75	
C. J. Knowlton, repairs on engine,	7	40	
J. E. King, stone work,	198	82	
W. A. Mack, drawing stone,	2	50	
C. H. Nutt, hardware,	8	20	
Gregg & Hoyt,	60	15	
H. W. Marvell, labor,	23	25	
James Cochran, "	22	55	
Burtt & Phelps, "	247	75	
A. F. Sawyer, shingles,	54	00	
W. D. Rhoads, brick,	10	12	
L. Bissell, painting,	31	60	
G. Walker, sharpening stone tools,	8	82	
J. Knight, lumber,	118	04	
F. P. Phelps, hardware,	31	39	
C. H. David, rent for engine,	6	00	
J. Hartshorn, lumber,	204	97	
J. B. Fay, steward,	6	25	
C. J. Knowlton, services of engineer,	7	30—	$1089 36

Town Officers.

Levi Hartshorn, selectman,	100 00	
J. B. Fay, selectman,	160 50	
B. R. Came, "	135 00	
N. H. George, collector,	100 00	
J. Knights, treasurer,	50 00	
Wilson D. Forsaith, town clerk,	55 00	
J. B. Fay, clerk from March 1st to 12th,	3 00	
E. S. Cutter, school committee for 1871,	25 00	
Wm. A. Mack, services as agent in the matter of reimbursement of soldiers' bounty,	50 00	
W. A. Mack, services as moderator,	5 00	
Auditors,	4 00	
E. R. Burtt, police,	10 00	
F. P. Phelps, "	5 00	
N. H. George, "	3 00	
A. Heald,	80 00	—$785 50

Principal and Interest.

Horace A. Clark,	3120 63	
Chester Shipley,	175 42	
Joseph Towle,	209 21	
M. A. Follansbee,	318 00	
Merrill Fletcher,	91 00	
Charles E. Grater,	317 67	
Mrs. E. C. Wilson,	402 50	
Misses Boylston,	2610 76	
Harriet E. Mace,	212 23	
E. D. Boylston,	321 75	
Asa Jaquith,	1059 77	
Nancy Secombe,	775 90	
C. H. David,	310 00	
John G. Dodge,	257 56	
Luther Coggin,	114 00	
S. D. Herrick,	162 17	
J. G. Pedrick,	53 50	
Wm. Noyes,	30 00	
A. T. Rideout,	21 00	-$10,563 07

Schools.

S. D. Herrick, District No. 1,	754 84	
C. Branan, " 2,	96 63	
C. Branan, extra " "	150 00	
S. Wilkins, " 3,	220 57	
W. Pratt, " 4,	147 38	
J. C. Philbrick, " 5,	143 35	—$1512 77

Amount brought over,		$1512 77	
J. H. Uphan, District No. 6.		177 97	
S. P. Parkhurst, " 7,		166 07	
M. A. Mack, " 8,		118 27	
W. B. Sargent, " 9,		175 95	
D. C. Shirley, " 10,		99 46	
W. W. Bailey, " 11,		28 99	
A. B. Woodward, " 12,		18 99—	$2298 47
School house tax—Dist. No. 4,		115 00	
" " " " " 5,		27 00	
" " " " " 8,		28 41—	$170 41

Amount of notes against the town,		$8815 50
" in collectors hands,	1100 00	
" in liquor agent's hands,	323 54	
" in treasury,	2318 95—	3742 49
Debt of the town,		$5073 01

Respectfully submitted,

JONATHAN KNIGHT, Town Treasurer.

AMHERST, MARCH 8, 1873.—We have examined the foregoing report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

P. DODGE,
E. D. BOYLSTON, } AUDITORS.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR, TO MARCH 1, 1873.

Support of Paupers off Farm.

Paid for Israel Fuller, $65 00; Mrs. Stiles, 13 63; E. P. Shepard, at Asylum, 87 75; S. Wilkins, overseer, 38 00. $204 38

Expenses of Pauper Farm.

Cash paid for cattle, $452 00; grain, 280 36; H. Eaton, one wagon, 140 00; Whitney & Co., shingles, 72 00; J. C. Boutell, labor, 33 62; O. Carter, butter, 36 00; W. D. Forsaith, groceries, 54 63; H. E. Woodberry, groceries, 66 85; J. O. Pulsifer, groceries, 113 18; G. Walker, blacksmithing, 13 87; G. Small, blacksmithing, 10 55; J. Gibbins, labor, 40 58; one cask nails, 7 25; clothes wringer, 7 50; pasturing cattle, 25 00; I. J. Russ, 5 43; J. G. Pedrick, 13 50; Dr. Bartlett, 6 00; Ella Parker, labor, 24 00; C. Brennan, 11 00; fresh fish, 8 20; Merrill & Nourse, 16 83; F. E. Parker, labor, 200 00; sundries, 103 64; F. K. Boutell, 32 26; G. Parker, 400 00. $2378 63

Receipts of Farm.

Milk sold, 1077 50; hay, 84 40; use of grove, 53 00; cattle sold, 525 92; pigs, 15 30; potatoes, 29 75; lambs and wool, 61 65; beans, 33 50; cabbages, 43 75; premiums, 8 00; County paupers, 27 00; rent of Bacon house, 49 00; work done off the farm, 63 62; poultry and eggs, 60 40; sundries, 11 00. $2143 79

Recapitulation.

Whole amount of Dr.,		$2378 63
" " Cr.,		2143 79
Drawn from treasury,		234 84
Due for milk,	95 37	
From County,	3 75	
		99 12
Balance against farm,		$135 72

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL WILKINS,
Overseer of the Poor.

Amherst, March 1, 1873.—We have examined the foregoing account of the Overseer of the Poor of the Town of Amherst, to this date, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

P. DODGE,
E. D. BOYLSTON, } Auditors.

Inventory at Town Farm, taken Feb. 20, 1873.

2 horses, $475 00; 17 cows, 700 00; 14 sheep, 65 00; 13 tons english hay, 325 00; 7 tons meadow hay, 90 00; 7 tons oats, 140 00; lot corn fodder, 75 00; lot straw, 15 00; lot poultry, 50 00; 3 shoats, 30 00; 1 old hog, 35 00; 1½ tons shorts, 42 00; 12 bushels meal, 10 00; 2 bushels rye meal, 2 00; 2 do salt, 2 00; 10 bushels rye, 10 00; corn, 150 00; sweet corn, 8 00; pop corn, 6 00; seed corn, 4 00; walnuts, 12 00; dried apples, 5 00; beans, 16 00; one swarm bees, 5 00; potatoes, 225 00; apples, 18 00; cabbages and turnips, 8 00; soap and grease, 17 00; cranberries, 1 00; salt pork, 50 00; salt beef, 15 00; hams and shoulders, 30 00; fresh meat, 15 00; sausages, 6 00; cider, 6 00; pickles, 6 00; vinegar, 12 00; tallow and candles, 12 00; lard, 15 00; butter, 10 00; flour, 12 00; groceries, molasses, etc., 8 00; lumber and shingles, 45 00. $2783 00

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The general condition of the schools for the year encourages the hope of still better things in the future. To rise to a higher state of excellency, more earnest effort is demanded; but to descend to a lower grade, it only requires that the friends of education should relax their present exertions for a single year and the thing is done. To ascend to a position of greater perfection we must pay the price, in the sacrifice both of time and money, and to hold our present attainments will cost the constant vigilance of all interested. Better schools we can have than those of the past year, though we have no very sad things of which to complain. We can obtain better returns for the same outlay; but all we desire cannot be at once secured; more excellent things are obtained little by little.

Outside of District No. 1 there have been employed fifteen different teachers, all females. They have taught two hundred and seventy-one weeks; being sixty weeks more of schooling than the same districts had last year. The whole amount expended in the schools is $2494 23. The average expense per week is $7 50 against $7 00 last year.

Parents have in many cases shown a commendable interest in the school, though not always in the wisest way. Many are present at the close of the term; but if the school has not been what it should have been, you are now too late. Your influence would be more and better to call unexpectedly to the teacher and scholars in the midst of the term.

Teachers often make the inquiry, "shall I report those present at the close as visitors?" I doubt whether they ought to be so reported, but if we could show only a meager list of parental visits; you can judge much better of the true condition of the school, to call unceremoniously than when you are expected. The house is then nicely swept, tastefully trimmed and the children all dressed for inspection. We are glad to see you at the close, but if you can do but one, call in the midst of the term if it be for not more than thirty minutes.

The discipline has been above the average. One term in No .3

and one in No. 5 were deficient. The best government is that which governs without seeming to do so. Too much severity as often fails as too much lenity. It requires as much wisdom to govern successfully with the stong arm of force as with the persuasive power of gentleness. That teacher may bid adieu to all ideas of governing others who has not first of all learned to govern himself.

Books.—Uniformity of books is a very important consideration. No book should be purchased unlike those used in the schools. The National series of Readers and Speller were introduced at the commencement of the summer terms. Many persons are very sensitive, and perhaps justly so, to any proposal of a change of books. No change should ever be made unless some important good is secured to the schools. When your Committee entered the negotiation for the best terms of introducing the new books there was a hope of obtaining an even exchange of the old ones for the new, which has been done in some instances in past years. The labor of such an exchange would have been but a trifle. But found that the Board of Trade had adopted rules adverse to this mode of exchange. This plan is to make the introductory price so low that it shall be no pecuniary loss as a whole. If the old books are half worn out and the new ones introduced at half price, then there would be an even thing; but where new books have been recently purchased there would be a loss, but if nearly worn out, a gain. In a few instances where books had been but very recently purchased we exchanged them upon our own responsibility.

We regarded it as a matter of much importance that the districts should supply desks with a set of these new books. A bill was introduced into the last legislature requiring districts to supply a whole set of text books for the use of the several schools. This was lost. If the whole could not be secured, an amendment should have been moved requiring the districts to supply Readers and Spellers, for which any man with a fair share of common sense would have voted.

The matter was urged upon the Prudential Committees, and in some instances the thing was secured. Other districts, no doubt, would have done so, but finding the matter to move slow and hard, we turned our attention in another direction. We asked the Agent at Boston if he could not do something for us in this way and secure this desirable object, by granting us a larger discount in favor of the districts.

We were successful far beyond our expectations. He made a gift of a set of Readers and Spellers to each district, amounting, at the introductory price, to near $30.

Maps—And especially good ones, are a general scarcity.—

Wall Maps are almost indispensible in the study of Geography. But, says one, who has long since passed his school days—"We had no such things when I went to school." Well, very likely you did not, and how much did you learn? Are you ready to sit down to a sharp examination in Geography? If you were well drilled upon Mural Maps I think you might meet and answer the questions successfully, but if not, can imagine very well how you would come out.

What all need is a perfect picture of the differant portions of the earth in his mind or memory, to be called up at will, with the lakes, rivers, seas, gulfs, mountains and cities. This can be obtained only by being very familiar with the map of the country containing them. Map drawing is a very great aid, and aims at the accomplishment of this result. Wall Maps are constantly within sight of the scholar, and they can see them with the mind when they are not before them. The younger portion of the school will become familiar with them, even before they commence the study as a part of their daily tasks.

The school houses have been but little changed, except in District No. 4, where $125 has been expended in improving it. This district has now one of the most comfortable and homelike school rooms in town, and we will not except No. 1. If you do not believe it, call and see for yourselves.

The expenditure, per capita of the scholars, has been about $9 00. This is double the amount reported for the State last year.

For New Hampshire it was $4 46; Maine, $4 78; Vermont, $7 46; Massachusetts, $16 45; Connecticut, $10 29; Rhode Island, $6 20.

DISTRICT No. 1.—"Village."

Samuel D. Harrick, Prud. Com.

Your Committees entered upon the organization of the schools in this district with more than usual anxiety. We felt that the report of last year, so unfavorable to its reputation, ought not again to occur.

The first important step was to secure the best possible teaching qualifications within the reach of our means. The amount of money to be expended would not admit of the services of a male teacher for the Higher Department through the year.

Miss Charlotte S. Robbins, of Milford, was engaged, who had taught the school four terms, with very satisfactory results.

Miss R. is a teacher of energy and good qualifications, whose reputation is too well known in this community to need any word from us. Some insubordination was manifest on of the part of a few, which was checked by the expulsion of one mem-

ber, who was afterward restored, upon his making proper acknowledgements.

The first term commenced April 15, and continued ten weeks. The second commenced Sept. 16, making a vacation of twelve weeks. The second term shows an increase of nine scholars, Some of these were older and ought to have been a benefit to the school, but they increased the difficulty of its management. Expulsion was again necessary. The expelled member, making very fair promises of good behavior, was allowed to return, with a full understanding that another expulsion would be final.—Miss R. spared no exertion to make a good school. These terms were not all that could be desired, but gave general satisfaction.

It was deemed best to secure the services of a male teacher for the winter. Rev. G. W. Ruland was engaged. The term commenced Dec. 9th. Mr. Ruland entered upon his work, not only with a desire, but with a determination to have a good school. There were but three additional scholars. Some who attended the previous terms did not attend this. There was a manifest disinclination, on the part of a few larger boys, to conform to the rules of the school. It was impossible to overcome this spirit of disorder until it broke out in open rebellion.—Teachers feel often, as the sailor prayed—"O Lord, send us a storm; *any thing* but this everlasting drizzle." One member expelled himself, because he would not obey the regulations, and two were "*dishonorably discharged.*" These memberes were borne with only too long, hoping to retain them and do them some good. But such young men, if they are not benefiting themselves, are most sadly in the way of others who desire to make progress. It were much better for all concerned that they were put out of the way.

We can say that this school has fully met our expectations, but it does not come up to a high standard of order. There was too much whispering and many other irregularities, which must be corrected before the school can become what it ought to be.

We are confidently expecting better things in this department the coming year. Mr. R.'s teaching is thorough, plain, and efficient. There is no lack of talent in this school, as was evident to all who listened to the declamations and compositions at the close of the examination, which received a part of the Lawrence prizes.

The first terms of the Lower Department was taught by Miss Jennie S. Forsaith, of Deering, who has long experience in teaching. She tells us in her register that she has taught 102 months before this term. Who will say, after hearing this, that she ought not to graduate in this department of life. She

showed familiarity with her work, and her school made good progress, and readily gained the affections of her pupils. But there was some strong attraction in some other direction which prevented her engagement for the second term.

Rumor would have it that she contemplated taking a smaller shool for a longer term, with a greater diversity of duties. Be this as it may, we were obliged to bid her adieu.

The next important move was to find a competent successor, who would not only keep the school up to the point where she left it, but raise it to a higher position. Your indefatigable Prudential Committee was immediately on the look out. He is never behind time. We scanned the field, decided to offer the position to Miss Sarah F. Stevens, of Wilton, who was about closing the summer term in No. 7. She was engaged with the purpose of retaining her for both terms if she met our expectations. Her success in the first, warranted the second engagement. Some may have regarded her as too severe in discipline; but no discipline is too severe that is not cruel. She has the ability of moving her classes in mathematical order.—One scholar is not found in another scholar's way.

Children like this when trained to it, but never reach it without training. Teachers should be military men and women. This army drill is what we want in all our schools. Her instruction is as thorough as her discipline. The classes in both written and mental Arithmetic were superior. A class of four girls gave specimens of map drawing on the black-board which cannot be easily surpassed. We regret that she cannot be had for the commencement of another year. She goes to the Academy at New Ipswich, where she is to gradnate after one term.

The winter terms of both departments were very seriously interrupted by the mumps, and very much reduced the average attendance.

The first term of the senior department contained 13 boys and 11 girls; 2d term, 18 boys and 15 girls; 3d term, 19 boys and 17 girls. The first term of the junior department contained 15 boys and 18 girls; 2d term, 19 boys and 19 girls; 3d term, 18 boys and 16 girls. The farther report of these schools will be found in the statistical table.

ALBERT HEALD, Superintending Committee.

Amherst, March 1, 1873.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—"Acre."

C. Brennan, Prud. Com.

This school was taught, 12 weeks in the summer and 18 in the fall and winter, with a short vacation, by Miss Fanny C. Guild, of Milford. Here is the material for a good school, and

the Prudential Committee and parents have been interested in making it such. Most of the scholars are in the elementary parts of study. The district raised $150 in addition to the town money. They are earnest, and they will succeed if they persevere. Miss G. gave very good satisfaction. The discipline of this school requires constant attention. It will not do to relinquish any point when gained. The general appearance and spirit of the school has very much improved. The burning of the mill lessened the number of scholars nearly one third. Miss G. labored hard and succeeded well.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—"Cricket Corner."

Samuel Wilkins, Prud. Com.

The summer term was taught by Miss Aroline E. Spalding, of Peabody, Mass. Her examination was very satisfactory, and this was her first experience. She had not learned that a school must be kept, for it will not keep itself. There was an ability to teach, but a failure in discipline. The school made but little improvement in the right direction. She felt that she had learned some important lessons, if her scholars did not. Experience may remedy all defects. Try again. All schools must have leaders, and not a few need drivers.

The winter term is being taught by Miss S. Lizzie Jaquith, of Milford, who is succeeding well. She possesses experience and good qualifications, and if success does not crown her labors there must be a failure somewhere beside on the part of the teacher. Most of the pupils are making progress, and it may be regarded as a good school.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—"Christian Hill."

William Pratt, Prud. Com.

Both terms of eight and ten weeks, with a tuition school of about two weeks, were taught by Miss Isadore Richardson, of of Milford. This school has fully sustained its former high reputation. The recitations were simply excellent. Thoroughness marked all branches of instruction. We sometimes say, whoever shall secure the services of such a teacher will be fortunate; we now say, the teacher who shall secure this school for the coming year will be fortunate. One half of the school were perfect in attendance, deportment and recitation. They have improved their school room at an expense of $25.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—"Danforth's."

John C. Philbrick, Prud. Com.

The summer term was taught by Adna E. Fretts, of Milford. The examination occurred under the most unfavorable circum-

stances. The teacher was sick and unable to be present. The exercises were conducted by Miss Clark, who was not acquainted with the drill of the classes. The order was deficient and the school did not give satisfaction.

The winter term was taught by Miss Ellen L. Tuck, of Milford. This was her first school. There was decided improvement in the order, and the classes appeared well at the close. Miss T. is well qualified, and needs only experience and patience to make an excellent teacher. Classes in Arithmetic showed earnest labor. We are looking for this school to take a higher position.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—"Pond Parish."

John Upham, Prud. Com.

Miss A. F. Bosworth taught the summer term with good success. This was her first experience. The order was of the right kind. There was no laggard who could sit comfortably under her sharp eye. There was good work done. Miss B. only needs to enter upon teaching with a determination to be among the first and she will soon find herself there. We hope she will have an opportunity to show better work among us the coming year.

A short term of four weeks was taught by Miss Hastensia McMillen of Merrimack Your committee visited this school but once, not knowing when it closed It is spoken of by the Prudential Committee and members of the district as a very good school

The winter term was taught by Miss Catherine A Tuttle, of Milford, a young lady of good qualifications and fine culture. All branches taught were marked with progress. We seldom find a class in common school arithmetic so thoroughly posted There were no snags left behind. A class in bookkeeping showed a very commendable knowledge of the science. We hope this district may be as fortunate in their teachers for the coming year.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—"Noyes."

Silas P. Parkurst, Prud Com.

The summer term was taught by Miss Sarah F Stevens, of Wilton. This school was a decided success. The teacher posseses the rare power of moving her scholars without confusion; when upon the floor, they are in line The order was not only of the first class, but the instruction was thorough.—Arithmetic, Geography and Grammer classes as well as Reading appeared well, and it was a satisfaction to listen to their exercises.

The winter term, by Miss Christina A. Hutchinson, deserves commendable mention. Miss H. is a live teacher, and inspired her pupils with a spirit of energy. The school made good progress both terms The Prudential Committee may regard himself as fortunate in his selection of teachers.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—"Crooker."

W. A. Mack, Prud. Com.

Both terms were taught by Miss Lenora A. Smith, of Mt. Vernon, a teacher of good qualifications and considerable experience. Quiet and easy in her work, she carried her school on with ut disturbance or display She secured the especial regard of her scholars, and the terms were successful and pleasant. The spirit of kindess that pervaded the school room was very marked. The advanced classes in Arithmetic and Grammer did themselves and their teacher honor. Your committee are pleased to add, that though three had left to attend McCollom Institute, and the attendance was intercepted by sickness, and bad traveling, yet all were present and took part in the exercises at the examination. Miss S. was very pleasantly surprised at the close by the presentation of a valuable *pin* and *chain* as an expression of the esteem of her pupils

DISTRICT NO. 9.—"Chestnut Hill"

Wm B. Sargent, Prud. Com.

Three terms of this school were taught by Miss Lotitia M. Adams, of New Boston, 30 weeks. The school made good progress. It contains some interesting scholars. The classes in Reading, Arithmetic and Grammer were very good, they showed both drill and study. The examination was better than was expected. A little more confidence on the part of the teacher would inspire her pupils with more earnestness and energy, which is indispensible to the highest excellency.

DISTRICT NO. 10.—"Skeeterville."

Daniel S. Shirley, Prud. Com.

This is the smallest school in town, but among the best in deportment. The first term was under the charge of Miss Frances Lowe, of New Ipswich, and was her first trial. She has had the opportunity of a good place to begin her teaching; if she does not make the mistake of supposing all schools like this. Miss L. possesses the qualities which energetically applied will make her a first class teacher. Such a record of honorable scholars we very seldom find. Those who did not whisper dur-

ing the summer term were, Jennie Whiting, Addie Upton, Jennie Holbrook, Mary Wheeler, Hellen Whiting, Ella Shirley and Edson Odell; 7 out of 9. The record of the winter term stands as not having whispered, Jennie Whiting, Jennie Holbrooke, Addie Upton, Mary Wheeler, Hellen Whiting and Ella Shirley, 6 out of 11. We wish that this *order* of *honorables* might increase until there should not be room for the record. The second term was taught by Miss Delia Hutchinson, who had it in charge one year ago. It was an interesting school. There was diligent application and good progress. Miss H. has not only sustained her good reputation of last year, but improved upon it.

Districts Nos. 11 and 12 are union districts with Merrimack. Scholars, 7—5 boys and 2 girls.

Text Books.—National Readers and Spellers; Geography, Guyot's; Arithmetic, Eaton's; Grammar, Quackenbos; Robinson & Sherwin's Algebra; Johnson's Philosophy; Mayhew's Book-Keeping; March's Parser and Analyser.

ALBERT HEALD, Superintending Committee.

Amherst, March 1, 1873.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Summer, Fall and Winter Terms.	Length in weeks.	Wages per month.	No. of Scholars.	Average attendance.	Times Tardy.	Reading.	Spelling.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	Penmanship.	History.	Philosophy.	Algebra.	Book-Keeping.	Composition.	Physiology
No. 1.	S	10	40	24	21	4	24	24	24	18	18	24	10	6	3	1	24	6
	F	10	40	33	29	36	33	33	33	21	24	29	8	5	5	3	16	5
*H. D.	W	11	50	36	31	14	36	36	36	34	35	36	9	2	6	10	17	2
No. 1.	S	10	40	33	28	0	33	33	20	14								
	F	10	40	37	32	5	37	34	21	20								
†L. D.	W	11	40	34	27	3	34	34	26	22								
No. 2.	S	12	32	47	37	62	41	41	21	10	3	16						
	W	18	34	41	30	138	48	42	26	9		16						
No. 3.	S	10	26	14	12	2	13	9	11	4	6	8	2					
	W	16	33	20	16	7	20	20	17	5	7	15			1			
No. 4.	S	8	28	14	13	2	14	14	12	10	4	12					7	
	W	10	28	15	14	1	15	15	13	11	4	10					8	
No. 5.	S	10	24	15	13	6	15	15	11	7	5	11					2	
	W	12	24	14	12	20	14	14	11	8	2	8					4	
No. 6.	S	12	26	15	13	10	15	15	9	7	1	13				1		
	W	11	32	18	14	13	18	18	13	10	4	16				2		
No. 7.	S	12	26	17	14	8	17	17	11	10	4	9						
	W	12	28	26	21	9	26	26	20	13	7	12				1		
No. 8.	S	9	28	22	14	8	22	22	17	13	3	13	3					
	W	8	30	25	21	9	25	25	21	17	6	15	3		1	2		
No. 9.	S	16	23	13	12	20	13	13	12	5	4	7	2					
	W	14	27	15	10	67	15	15	13	4	4	12	2			3		
No. 10.	S	8	20	9	8	5	9	9	7	5	3	8						
	W	9	26	11	10	8	11	11	11	6	5	11	2					

*Higher Department. †Lower Department.